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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA

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1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DUBOIS SAW FOREIGN MINISTER KEUTCHA AS SCHEDULED (REFTEL B) AND PASSED THE TEXT AND ANNEX OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY THE CONTACT GROUP ON APRIL TENTH. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE CONTACT GROUP'S POSITION AND THAT HE APPRECIATED AND APPROVED OF THE EFFORTS OF THE CONTACT GROUP TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM. HOWEVER, HE MADE NO COMMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE APRIL TENTH RESOLUTION.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH JEAN MELAGA, DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IT WAS LEARNED THAT HE (MELAGA) IS LEAVING FOR NEW YORK ON APRIL 28 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE. HE PLANS ON STAYING ABOUT THREE WEEKS. MELAGA ALSO REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE
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CAMEROONIAN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE RESOLUTION, EXCEPT TO OBSERVE THAT TWO PROBLEMS REMAIN: THE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY AND THE NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS TO BE POSITIONED IN THE TERRITORY.

3. MELAGA THOUGHT THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTACT GROUP'S NAMIBIA PROPOSALS INDICATED THAT THEY WERE OPEN

FOR DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT, AND HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO NEW YORK TO JOIN IN THE EFFORT TO SEEK A COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM.

4 COMMENT: IT OBVIOUS MELAGA UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT NEGOTIATIONS STILL OPEN. HE IS FRANCOPHONE AND FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN-AMERICAN-PACIFIC OFFICE IN MINISTRY. HE IS FAIRLY APPROACHABLE, BUT USUALLY PARRIES QUESTIONS WITHOUT GIVING SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSES.
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